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Un gran desarrollo comercial está planeado para el suroeste de Detroit

Por Kirk Pinho de Crain's Detroit Business – Reimpreso con autorización

Se podrían construir hasta 3,770 metros cuadrados (40,000 pies cuadrados) de nuevo espacio comercial en el suroeste de Detroit.

Detroit Economic Growth Corp. ha contratado a tres empresas locales para desarrollar un terreno de 2.4 hectáreas (6.1 acres) con usos comerciales, incluyendo el uso tradicional de un centro comercial, además de la construcción de terrenos comerciales en 6370 W. Vernor Hwy.

Queen Lillian Development, con sede en Detroit y dirigida por Christopher Jackson; Tekton Development, con sede en Detroit y dirigida por Jason Jones; y Lormax Stern Development Co., con sede en Bloomfield Hills y dirigida por Christopher Brochert y Daniel Stern, han sido seleccionadas para llevar a cabo la construcción con usos que podrían incluir inquilinos locales y nacionales, restaurantes y una tienda de comestibles, según la DEGC.

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Large New Retail Development Planned for Southwest Detroit

By Kirk Pinho from Crain's Detroit Business – Reprinted with permission

Up to 40,000 square feet of new retail space could be coming to southwest Detroit.

The Detroit Economic Growth Corp. has tapped three local firms to develop a 6.1-acre site into shopping uses with a traditional strip center use plus outlot development at 6370 W. Vernor Hwy.

Detroit-based Queen Lillian Development, run by Christopher Jackson; Detroit-based Tekton Development, run by Jason Jones; and Bloomfield Hills-based Lormax Stern Development Co., run by Christopher Brochert and Daniel Stern; have been selected to develop the site into uses that could include local and national tenants, restaurants and a grocery store, the DEGC says.

Jackson said Thursday afternoon that a development cost has not yet been determined, and no users have been identified.

In a statement, Jones, who is principal of TekTon, said the "site gives us a unique opportunity to bring quality national retailers alongside local entrepreneurs, creating jobs, partnerships and amenities that reflect the pride and culture of southwest Detroit."

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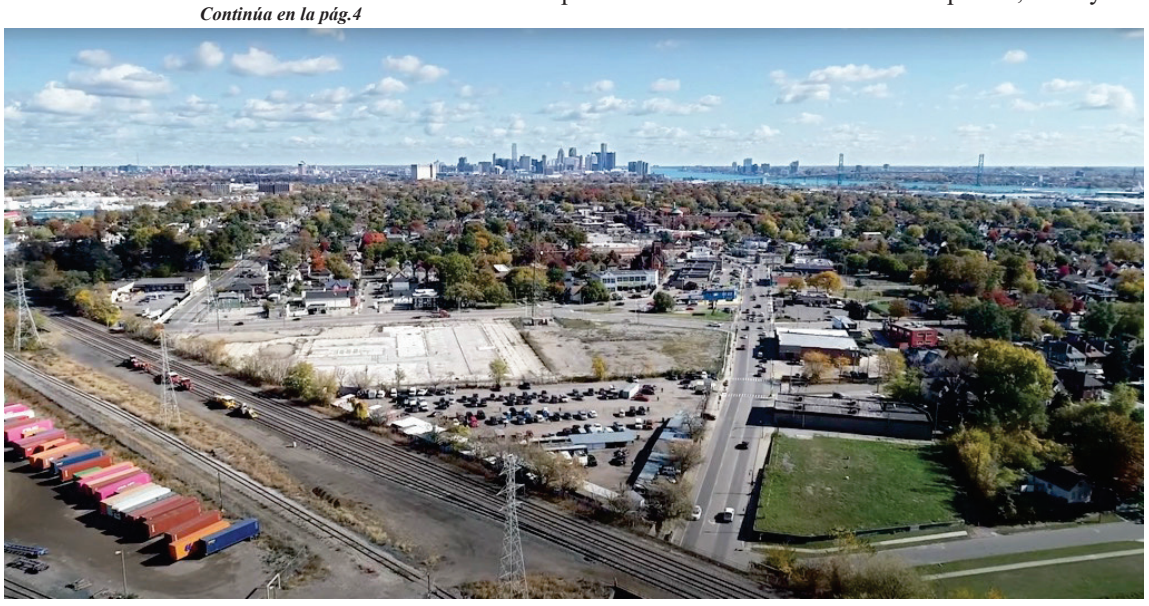

Credit: Detroit Economic Growth Corp.
An aerial view of the 6.1-acre development site at 6370 W. Vernor Hwy. in Southwest Detroit.

"We Matter." Southwest Detroit Residents Pack DCFC Stadium Meeting

By Angela Gallegos

A call on social media urging "Latinos, Mexicanos, we need your presencia today!" drew a large crowd to the Mexicantown Mercado on a crisp fall evening in Southwest Detroit. Residents gathered on Thursday night to ensure their voices were heard at the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting regarding the proposed Detroit City Football Club stadium, a $198 million mixed-use development that includes a parking deck, affordable housing, and retail space.

This was the seventh of nine scheduled public meetings, a key moment in which developers formally presented their responses to community requests. Hosted by the City's Planning and Development Department and the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), the meeting marked a turning point in the months-long discussion over how the stadium's promises will translate into benefits for those living nearby.

By 7:40 pm, the energy in the room had shifted. Neighbors lined up to offer public comments and requested that any agreement reflect real, measurable benefits for Southwest Detroit, particularly within the impact zone.

Among them was Elena Herrada, a lifelong Detroiter whose family had been in the city since 1920. As a community advocate, she urged the City to reinvest in community institutions, such as the Bowen Branch Library, rather than continue diverting resources through tax captures and abatements.

"I think it was really important for the raza to show up tonight because we will be ignored and erased in this process," Herrada said. "Our people are getting pulled out of cars in the morning on their way to work. If we don't stand up, we will be gone, and no one will miss us. I'm proud that so many people from our community showed up to say we matter here and that what happens with this money has to include us."

During the public comment period, several community members linked the stadium proposal to broader questions of cultural investment and neighborhood well-being. Some spoke about the connection between sports and culture, urging developers to see both as essential to the identity and economy of Southwest Detroit.

"The investment in arts and cultures goes hand in hand with the investment in sports, both are powerful engines for economic development, community pride, and youth opportunity," said Southwest Detroit Resident and community leader, Bianca Cuevas.

Others called attention to the human toll of gentrification, emphasizing that discussions often center on traffic or infrastructure, when the deeper issue is how displacement affects families and young people. Cindy Gamboa, Executive Director of Mi Poder Michigan and VP of MANA de Metro Detroit, said our youth are striving, but the support isn't there, so I really want to urge you guys to continue to make sure that in this process, there are concrete commitments to the people that live here.

Speakers urged the City and developers to prioritize scholarships, housing stability, and funding for local institutions that have long supported residents.

A proposed $1-per-ticket housing repair fund drew strong support from residents, who called it a simple yet powerful way for the stadium to give back to the neighborhoods most affected by its development. The idea became a rallying point for some, representing what many saw as a fair and innovative model for community benefits.

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Local residents and business representatives packed the Mexicantown Mercado for the discussion of community benefits proposed by the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Photo courtesy City of Detroit

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Nueva serie conecta a votantes con candidatos

EL CENTRAL Hispanic News se enorgullece en anunciar una colaboración con la organización sin fines de lucro CitizenDetroit, con la cual se produjeron más de 60 videos con 31 candidatos que compiten por diferentes cargos públicos en las elecciones municipales de Detroit.

Esta alianza acerca directamente a los candidatos con los votantes, cubriendo las contiendas para alcalde, los siete distritos del Concejo Municipal más los escaños generales, así como las posiciones de comisionados de policía en cada distrito y los consejos asesores comunitarios de los distritos 4 y 5.

"Creo que la mayoría de la gente encuentra la temporada electoral un poco abrumadora," explicó Michael D. Gutierrez, Digital Content Manager de EL CENTRAL, quien filmó y editó todos los videos del proyecto. "Así que cuando surgió la oportunidad de colaborar con CitizenDetroit para crear una conexión más directa y humana entre los candidatos y los votantes, sin tanta formalidad, me pareció una gran forma de cerrar esa brecha."

Aunque todos los candidatos fueron invitados a participar de manera gratuita, los más de 60 videos presentan a quienes decidieron aprovechar la oportunidad. Las entrevistas incluyen a figuras reconocidas como Mary Sheffield, principal candidata a la alcaldía, así como a los contendientes del Distrito 6, que representa al suroeste de Detroit: la actual concejal Gabriela Santiago-Romero y el exrepresentante estatal Tyrone Carter.

Todos los videos de los candidatos a la alcaldía y del Distrito 6 han sido traducidos al español y ya están disponibles en las redes sociales de EL CENTRAL: @elcentralmedia en Instagram y EL CENTRAL Hispanic News en Facebook. Además, para asegurar que los votantes tengan toda la información necesaria, cada publicación incluye la lista completa de candidatos, participantes o no en las entrevistas, e indica si su nombre aparece directamente en la boleta o si son candidatos por escrito (write-ins).

El proyecto fue dirigido por Sheila Cockrel, directora ejecutiva de CitizenDetroit, junto con Kelly Larson, directora administrativa. Las entrevistas fueron conducidas por Cockrel y las voluntarias de CitizenDetroit Arabia Simeon, del programa Politics on the Go, y la artista de hip-hop y organizadora cultural Dominique Campbell.

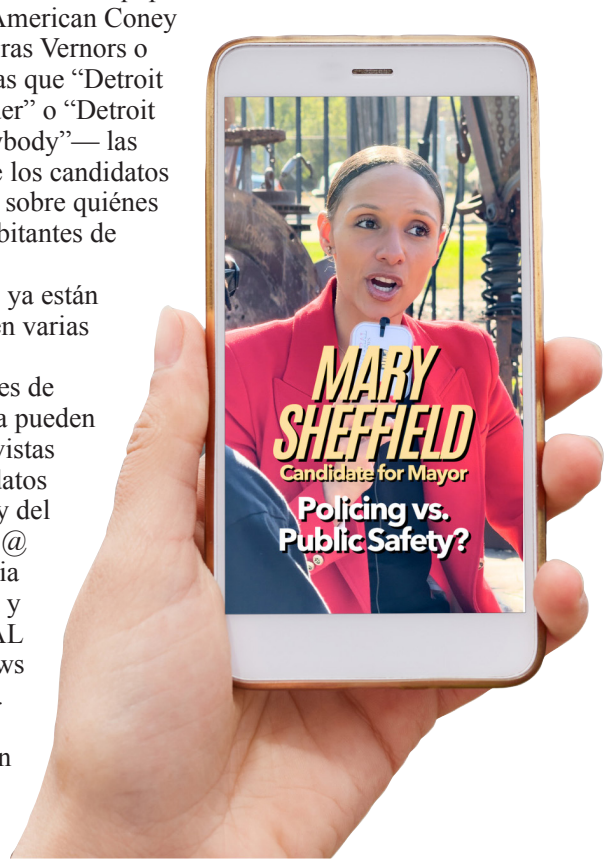
Cada video dura tres minutos o menos y sigue un formato de dos partes que permite a los votantes conocer tanto el lado serio como el más personal de cada candidato. En la primera parte, respondieron una de tres preguntas diseñadas específicamente para su contienda, enfocadas en temas actuales como el uso de tecnología de reconocimiento facial o la confianza en la palabra de la comunidad frente a la de la policía, y viceversa.

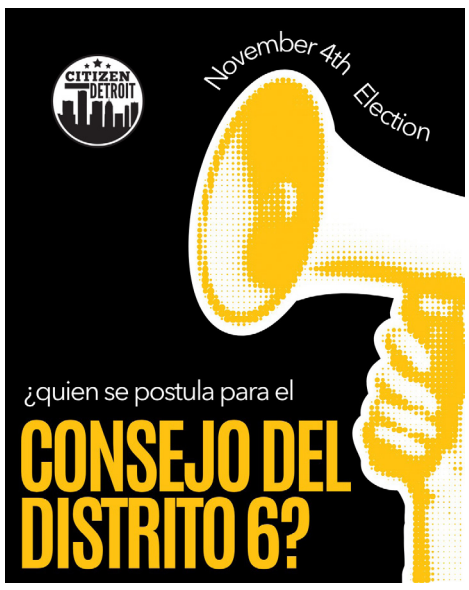
La segunda parte tiene un tono más ligero con preguntas típicamente de Detroit, porque —ya sea que seas del equipo Lafayette o American Coney Island, prefieras Vernors o Faygo, o creas que "Detroit Hustles Harder" o "Detroit Versus Everybody"— las respuestas de los candidatos dicen mucho sobre quiénes son como habitantes de Detroit.

Los videos ya están disponibles en varias plataformas.

Los votantes de habla hispana pueden ver las entrevistas de los candidatos a la alcaldía y del Distrito 6 en @elcentralmedia en Instagram y EL CENTRAL Hispanic News en Facebook.

Los videos en inglés (con subtítulos) están disponibles en @citizendetroit en Instagram, CitizenDetroit7575 en YouTube y CitizenDetroit en Facebook.





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Sound Check

Music from the local and global stage

OUR LOCAL PICK

Track_____DARK SHADES
Artist_____ART.CARTER
IG_____@art.carter_

Saba flow & Mac Miller soul over a somber guitar and crisp drums, Art. Carter's lyrics flex with honesty on a mellow but moving beat built for bars that balance grind and grace.

Flow de Saba y alma de Mac Miller sobre guitarra triste y drums finos; Art. Carter suelta barras honestas en un beat tranquilo pero con empuje.

OUR GLOBAL PICK

Track_____THINK ABOUT IT
Artist_____PACO
Instagram_____@es.pacoo

English and Spanish verses trade off in a confession that glides on an atmospheric, groovy bassline. It's like dancing on a treadmill built by Sade and Daft Punk.

Los versos en inglés y español se van pasando el mic en una rola que flota sobre un bajo sabroso y atmosférico. Es como bailar en una caminadora armada por Sade y Daft Punk.

Hecho en Detroit

Art built by the city that builds

This mural honors the women behind Thumbprint Fulfillment, a small business in Southwest owned by mother and daughter. Painted in tribute to Connie Reid, her mother Cecilia Mendez-Reid, and Connie's newborn daughter, it celebrates three generations of strength, heritage, and care rooted in the heart of the community.

Este mural rinde homenaje a las mujeres detrás de Thumbprint Fulfillment, un pequeño negocio del suroeste dirigido por madre e hija. Dedicado a Connie Reid, su madre Cecilia Mendez-Reid, y la hija recién nacida de Connie, celebra tres generaciones de fuerza, herencia y amor arraigadas en el corazón de la comunidad.

Mural_____Para Madre a Hija
Artist_____Nicole Macdonald
Website_____ncolemacdonald.com
Location_____2100 20th St, Detroit, MI 48216

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SW Sazón

One dish, one spot, puro sabor

Twisted ribbons of pasta coated in a silky toma-to-truffle cream, with Montovana sausage that's juicy, wine-kissed, and laced with nutmeg. Comfort food with class.

Pasta en cintas torcidas bañada en una crema de tomate y trufa que se siente suave, casi de lujo. La salchicha Montovana está jugosa, con toque de vino y nuez moscada. Pura comida reconfortante, pero con estilo.

Menu item_____Strozzapretti alla Norccina
Restaurant_____EL BARZON
Price_____$25 to $30

Got a favorite dish, drink, or hidden gem in Southwest Detroit? Put us on! We're spotlighting local flavors, from tacos and tamales to cafes and bakeries. Scan the QR code at the bottom of the page to submit your recommendation.

Throwback Thursday

Snapshots of our roots

Same Walls, New Story

Before it was Flamingo Vintage, this building held another kind of beauty. In this archival photo, a family poses proudly among flowers and polished floors—the same space decades before Nikki Neuzil restored its bones and brought it back to life. A glimpse of what once was, and what still endures.

Antes de ser Flamingo Vintage, este edificio guardaba otro tipo de belleza. En esta foto de archivo, una familia posa con orgullo entre flores y pisos relucientes—el mismo espacio, décadas antes de que Nikki Neuzil restaurara sus cimientos y le devolviera la vida. Una mirada a lo que alguna vez fue… y a lo que todavía perdura.

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EL CENTRAL Interview:

State Senator Mary Cavanagh Moves to Protect Immigrants in Michigan

EL CENTRAL Hispanic News reporter Estefania Arellano-Bermudez conducted an interview with State Senator Mary Cavanagh (D-Sen District 6) to discuss a bundle of bills that were introduced in August of 2025. Bill 508 protects schools, churches, courthouses, and hospitals from immigration enforcement, except in cases where there is a signed warrant. Bill 509 prevents government officials from sharing personal information with immigration enforcement without a warrant. Bill 510 prohibits law enforcement from wearing masks or concealing their identity.

EL CENTRAL: You recently introduced one of three bills – Bill's 508-510 regarding immigration and ICE. They're currently going through the Senate committee on Civil Rights, judiciary and public safety. What prompted you, Senators Stephanie Chang and Jeremy Moss to introduce these bills?

State Senator Mary Cavanagh: From what the senators and myself have been seeing, families being torn apart, people regardless of their citizenship status. They're snatched off the streets or even from their schools, their courthouses, by masked officers and due process is being completely ignored.

As a daughter of a Mexican immigrant, this is deeply personal to me. Senator Chang, myself and Senator Moss all came together. We heard about what was happening in communities across Michigan and felt like it was our responsibility to act because when people live in fear, no matter their immigration status or what community they come from, going to school or going to the doctors or even participating in your faith, it actually makes the community more unsafe and it really goes against the public safety of the entire community. We really thought that what was happening was cruelty and these bills reestablish, at least here in this state, that this is a state of dignity, transparency, and accountability for all of our residents, no matter what you look like.

EL CENTRAL: How do these bills address public trust when it comes to victims of crime who may currently fear seeking services?

Senator Cavanagh: These bills, other than making sure there's due process, are making sure that people aren't being kidnapped. Although we are seeing actual officers not have identification or masks, we are also seeing people pretend to be ICE officers and kidnapping people. We are seeing people afraid to not only show up to court, but we're talking about reporting a crime. We're talking about seeking urgent healthcare needs. They might be legally here or even citizens. They're just fearful of being detained, of being questioned, or even just disappearing without any follow up.

If they see something, they're very, very scared of going in and reporting that.

With these bills the clear message is: Michigan, you can report a crime, you can seek justice and access care without being the fear of being kidnapped. This isn't just for the immigrant community. This is for all individuals that are afraid of what might result just in going into those spaces.

EL CENTRAL: Would bill 509 stop, say a doctor from calling ICE on a patient? Would that be something that bill would do because that's personal information?

Senator Cavanagh: It would require a warrant for any of that personal information to be shared.

EL CENTRAL: What do you see as a potential community benefit of these bills?

Senator Cavanagh: Taking away that fear from the community, I think is the greatest benefit. People are scared to report a crime. More crimes are going unnoticed or unreported, and that continues to drive public safety in the opposite direction. When people know their rights will be protected and respected, they participate fully. These bills kind of make it very transparent and very clear what people's rights are and where those spaces are. This looks like sending their kids to school or testifying in courts, going to hospitals. We can even hear it in kind of the testifiers or even how we talk about these bills.

These are spaces to protect the public. It's not for personal gain. It's to make sure that people are going to school, that people can send their children to school without being worried of detainment or being mixed up in a system that, oh, they just had the wrong last name, they had the wrong first name, and now you don't know where your child is. The potential benefit of this is to really create these spaces and create this public trust just to strengthen public safety. And also our communities right now, there is a great fear of people even going to their local doctor's offices, going outside their houses, getting their water being shut off and going to get public services. People can continue to do life without being fearful and knowing that their rights are protected in the state in the law of Michigan.

EL CENTRAL: Critics may argue that these bills would create tensions between federal and local authorities. How might these proposed protections reshape the relationship between local police and federal immigration agents?

Senator Cavanagh: I'm hearing a lot of that feedback, especially as prior to introduction, working out how this might look like as state enforcement and also that immigration is a federal issue, let's face it. I do think at the federal level, the immigration system and we are seeing it play out firsthand is broken.

While our federal representatives sort out that mess a little bit, public safety

is our responsibility as a state and even as legislators and as representatives. I do think that the federal administration is a little chaotic, but they're actually acting a little bit inhumane in their enforcement. And we're seeing that in the streets and in the grassroots. Our legislation doesn't prevent federal agents from enforcing immigration laws. It simply states that when officers must do this type of act that they have to in the state of Michigan act as a judicial warrant. There needs to be an actual reason for that, and they can't operate just to strip people's trust.

I do want to just mention this package (of bills) strengthens the relationship with the communities because it actually clarifies for local law enforcement on their business of carrying out these secretive ICE raids. These are people that know the community and don't want to go out and do things that they don't feel comfortable with. It gives them trust that their job can be handled by certain standards and accountability.

EL CENTRAL: Would any of this address racial profiling?

Senator Cavanagh: I do think it will, and especially as we're hearing that it will be a little bit more of a driving force, especially after that recent (Supreme) court case.

People are being more targeted by the color of their skin or even speaking a different language. Bill 509 and 510 together help try to protect against that racial profiling by personal information needing a warrant. It makes at least police officers feeling a little bit more nervous about asking for that actual information, making sure that they're abiding by the law.

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Large New Retail Development

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Lormax Stern is also working with Dennis Archer Jr.'s Detroit-based Sixteen42 Ventures to secure retail tenants, according to a release from the DEGC, the city's quasi-public economic development agency.

The Detroit City Council would need to sign off on a development agreement for the site — formerly home to a Department of Public Works maintenance facility — as well as the sale itself. The city is handling remediation of the property, a parcel generally bounded by railroad tracks and Livernois.

Construction is expected to start in about a year and be complete around the spring 2028. Incentives such as brownfield tax-increment financing and other subsidies are expected to be sought.

The development is expected to break ground in fall 2026, with completion targeted for spring 2028. The project will pursue brownfield tax increment financing and other incentives to support the redevelopment of the formerly industrial site.

Both Jackson and Jones have been active in multifamily development in Detroit the last several years, separately with projects along Woodward Avenue and Trumbull Avenue in Woodbridge, respectively.

Archer has been active in a variety of businesses, including real estate with Lormax Stern, which jointly developed the Rivertown Market along Jefferson Avenue just outside of downtown.

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Un gran desarrollo comercial

Con't de pg. 1

Jackson declaró el jueves por la tarde que aún no se ha determinado el costo del desarrollo ni se han identificado usuarios.

En un comunicado, Jones, director de TekTon, afirmó que "el sitio nos brinda una oportunidad única para reunir a minoristas nacionales de calidad con emprendedores locales, creando empleos, colaboraciones y servicios que reflejan el orgullo y la cultura del suroeste de Detroit".

Lormax Stern también está trabajando con Sixteen42 Ventures, empresa de Dennis Archer Jr. con sede en Detroit, para conseguir inquilinos comerciales, según un comunicado del DEGC, la agencia de desarrollo económico cuasi pública de la ciudad.

La alcaldía de Detroit tendría que firmar un acuerdo de desarrollo para el sitio —que anteriormente albergaba un centro de mantenimiento del Departamento de Obras Públicas—, así como la venta misma. La alcaldía se está encargando de la rehabilitación de la propiedad, una parcela delimitada por vías ferroviarias y la Livernois.

Se espera que la construcción comience a inicios de otoño 2026 y finalice en la primavera de 2028, que se busquen incentivos como la financiación del incremento fiscal para zonas industriales abandonadas y otros incentivos para apoyar la reurbanización del antiguo emplazamiento industrial.

Tanto Jackson como Jones han participado activamente en el desarrollo multifamiliar en Detroit durante los últimos años, con proyectos separados a lo largo de Woodward Avenue y Trumbull Avenue en Woodbridge, respectivamente.

Archer ha participado activamente en diversos negocios, incluyendo el sector inmobiliario con Lormax Stern, que desarrolló conjuntamente el Rivertown Market en Jefferson Avenue, justo en las afueras del centro.

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Supreme Court Ruling on ICE Stops Raises Alarm in Southwest Detroit

By Maxima Oxholm Barraza

A recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Noem v. Vasquez Perdomo has raised concerns among residents and advocates in Southwest Detroit, home to one of Michigan's largest Hispanic communities.

In a 6–3 decision, the nation's highest court lifted crucial restrictions on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), allowing federal agents to consider factors such as an individual's race or ethnicity, Spanish language ability or accent, workplace, and even location on which to base immigration-related stops.

The ruling in Noem v. Vasquez Perdomo, a case originating in Los Angeles, overturned a lower court ban on such practices as grounds for detention. In her forceful dissent, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, joined by Justices Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson, warned that the decision "opens the door to racial profiling."

"We should not have to live in a country where the Government can seize anyone who looks Latino, speaks Spanish, and appears to work a low-wage job," Sotomayor wrote. "Rather than stand idly by while our constitutional freedoms are lost, I dissent."

A Community on Edge

Southwest Detroit—a cultural and economic heart with deep Mexican, Central American, and Puerto Rican roots—is feeling the fallout. Community leaders fear the Supreme Court's action could embolden ICE and heighten the risks faced by immigrant families and their neighbors.

"The decision threatens basic civil rights," said Angie Reyes, co-chair of MI Poder and former president of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC). "Families are hesitant to shop, work, or even send their children to school." She noted that daily life's rhythm has been disrupted, amplifying uncertainty and anxiety.

Cindy Gamboa, executive director of MI Poder, shared her deep disappointment. "This ruling opens the door to violations of human rights simply because of our skin color or language," she explained. Gamboa has observed shifts in everyday behaviors—more residents are carrying identification for even routine errands, out of fear of being stopped. "Families are feeling dehumanized and unsafe."

For Lex Zavala, interim acting director at DHDC, the repercussions are personal. "Being a brown man in America and knowing that it's now legal to racially profile me is terrifying," Zavala said. "Taking your kids to school, going to church, or just buying groceries now feels dangerous—not because of criminals, but because of our own law enforcement agencies."

The impact is unmistakable. Businesses in the neighborhood report declining foot traffic, school attendance has dropped, and families are withdrawing from public life. "It's Hispanic Heritage Month, but families are too fearful to celebrate as they usually would," Gamboa lamented. "I'm a fifth-generation U.S. citizen, and yet I feel I have to carry my passport every day just to prove I belong," said Zavala.

Trust in law enforcement is also fraying. "A lot of crime goes unreported because people are afraid to call the police for anything," Reyes observed. Gamboa said the ruling threatens to undo decades of effort building bridges between the community and local authorities. Zavala put it bluntly, "There is no trust. It's unfortunate. There are good officers, but others will see this as a license to treat us as if we are not human."

Community leaders are calling on local government to step up. "Every city should protect all its residents, regardless of where they are from," Reyes said. Gamboa urged Detroit to distance itself from federal immigration enforcement, saying, "Our limited local resources shouldn't be used to terrorize our own community." Zavala agreed, adding, "Leaders at every level need to step up and do what is right."

Residents Voice Fears

Residents of Southwest Detroit are already feeling the consequences. Irene Enriquez, a medical assistant, said, "Knowing that ICE agents can use race as a reason to stop someone makes me feel targeted." She now worries constantly about herself, her family, and neighbors, fearing not only racial profiling and harassment but also detention and deportation.

She said that routines are already changing, with people avoiding certain public places

or limiting outings. "Before, I felt that as long as I followed the rules, I wouldn't have to think about immigration officers. Now, it feels like my appearance alone could be enough to draw suspicion."

Kate Lopez, who works in a local school, shared similar concerns for her relatives, friends, and students. "It just makes me feel really uncomfortable that anybody can get pulled over because of the color of their skin or how they look," she said. She explained that the ruling sends a chilling message to Hispanic families, adding, "It's almost as though they are telling us we don't belong here." This uncertainty, she noted, leaves young people in Southwest Detroit questioning their place in the community.

Looking Ahead

Legal experts emphasize that the Supreme Court's order is a temporary stay, not a final decision, but the message it sends is clear—and worrying. For many in Southwest Detroit, the future will hinge less on the courts, and more on communal response and resilience.

Community organizations like MI Poder and DHDC are already mobilizing—holding workshops, legal aid clinics, and neighborhood meetings to educate residents about their rights and foster a network of protection and solidarity. "Every city should protect all its residents," Reyes reiterated.

Despite the heightened fear, residents are clinging to their sense of unity. "Even with all this fear, our community sticks together," said Lopez. "Families, friends, and neighbors look out for each other, and that gives us hope." Community leaders believe this solidarity will be pivotal in the coming months, ensuring Hispanic families continue to feel visible, valued, and supported in the city they call home.

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DCFC Stadium Meeting

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Developers responded, saying DCFC games are already among the most affordable sporting events in Detroit, and adding an additional dollar to ticket prices would undercut that value.

For many residents, though, that explanation fell flat… They saw the $1 contribution not as a burden on fans, but as a shared investment in keeping longtime neighbors in their homes.

"We need a mechanism to keep longtime neighbors in their homes. They haven't broken ground yet, and that gives us leverage. This stadium will bring noise, traffic, and parking impacts, and it's only fair the club helps sustain the community. This could be a historic opportunity to forge the most meaningful Community Benefits Agreement in Detroit's history," said Bill Cheek, a North Corktown resident.

Cheek also cautioned against repeating past patterns of unfulfilled promises. "Ford made that pitch in 2018. What we got instead was Michigan Central transforming themselves into a nonprofit and competing for community dollars. That behavior is unacceptable and not neighborly."

Developers emphasized that they are listening. Sean Mann, DCFC co-founder and CEO, described the process as "fully engaged."

"Tonight a broader Southwest voice came out," Mann said. "We've added language ensuring benefits extend beyond the impact zone. We live here, our kids go to school here, and we want to create something the neighborhood embraces."

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The NAC will reconvene on Thursday, October 16 at 6pm at the Mexicantown Mercado to review revisions and potentially vote on the final Community Benefits Agreement. Residents can follow updates and access materials at www.detroitmi.gov/DCFC.

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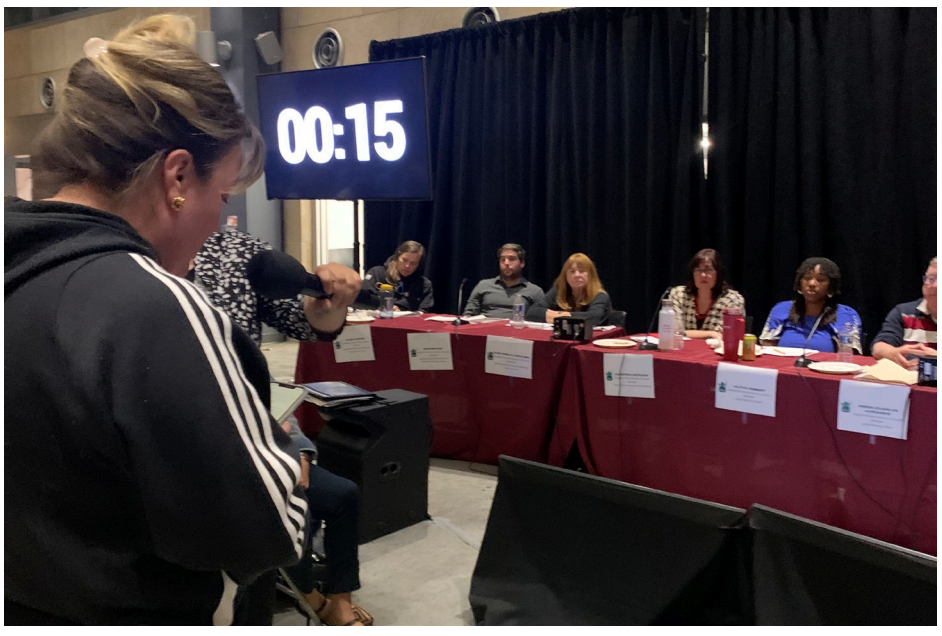
Aaron Goodman from the City Planning Department presents DCFC's responses to the NAC proposed benefits. Photo courtesy City of Detroit



Bianca Cuevas shares her opinion during the public comment session at the NAC meeting on October 9 . Photo by Angela Gallegos

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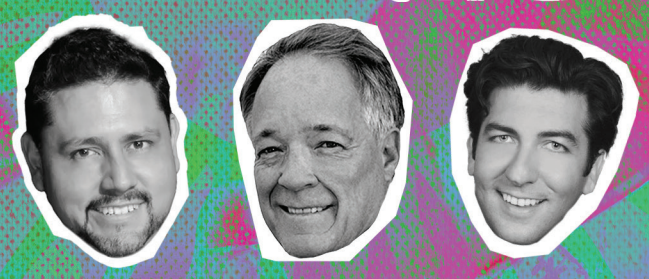

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Joe Louis Greenway adds 2-Mile segment:

City Unveils Statue of Joe Louis Honoring his Barrier-breaking Work in Golf

Mayor Mike Duggan joined with community partners and residents recently to cut the ribbon on a beautiful section of the Joe Louis Greenway at Grand River near Oakman Boulevard and to unveil a new bronze statue of the boxing legend that will adorn this section of the 27-mile greenway named in his honor.

The new segments of the Greenway are located between Joy Road and Intervale Street, adding two new miles of greenway north of the section between Warren Avenue and Joy Road opened in 2023. The segment includes new sidewalks and bike paths, landscaping and new trees, steel panel fencing, lighting and emergency call boxes for safety. This new segment also features a new trailhead at Grand River Ave. near Cloverdale St. that includes an open-air shelter area for reserving and gathering, resurfaced alley access for food trucks and entertainment and a plaza, where the new Joe Louis statue is located. The new trailhead will serve as one of the main gateways to the Greenway, like one already open at W. Warren Avenue.

"The Joe Louis Greenway is transforming miles of blight and creating beauty and recreational opportunities, while connecting neighborhoods in a new way," said Mayor Duggan. "We named the greenway after Joe Louis because of his incredible contributions in and outside of the ring and I'm thrilled to be here with his daughter, Joyce, to unveil the beautiful new statue of her father."

With the opening of this segment, nearly six miles of the greenway have been completed by the City of Detroit and are now open. Another six miles of the Greenway are expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

These new segments of the greenway were funded by $35 million of State ARPA dollars awarded by the MI Department of Natural Resources. The Oakman Blvd. shared-use path was funded by a $1.4 million MDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant.

This new sculpture, created by artist Austen Brantley, honors Joe Louis' barrier-breaking work in the world of golf.

"The spirit that never quits that's what this statue means to me, "said Joyce Barrow-Henderson, daughter of Joe Louis. "Not only for golfers but for families, for children, for dreamers for every person who knows that greatness does not come from winning every fight it comes from getting back up again, again and again."

The "Outside the Ring" sculpture in honor of Joe Louis was completed by artist Austen Brantley over a 5-month period. The City of Detroit General Service Department and Office of Arts Culture and Entrepreneurship (Detroit ACE) collaborated on an open call to honor the boxer's life outside the fighting ring and highlight his other passions and business ventures. This bronze statue honors Joe Louis' work desegregating American golf. He was the first African American to play in a PGA-sanctioned tournament, and he held the Joe Louis Open Tournaments for Black players to showcase their excellence and help pave the way for them to eventually play in PGA tournaments.

"The Joe Louis 'Outside the Ring' statue was commissioned to honor the boxer's achievements outside the boxing ring," said Rochelle Riley, Director of Arts and Culture. "He was the first African American to play in a PGA-sanctioned tournament and held Joe Louis Open Tournaments right here in Detroit to showcase the talent of Black players, paving the way for them to eventually play in PGA tournaments.

The Joe Louis sculpture was part of a beautification effort funded by a $40 million Michigan Economic Development Corporation Grant.

For the people in the neighborhoods the Joe Louis Greenway connects, milestones like this new sculpture and completion of more miles reignites the passion behind this project and the programming on the path.

"I look at this project as a connector and I use the word unifier to describe it and that also makes me think of Joe Louis," said Gerald Jeter who lives and goes to church along the greenway. "He was a unifier, not just a boxing champion but a champion of Detroit.

"The Joe Louis Greenway is designed with community at its heart. Every new mile reflects the voices of our neighbors, ensuring that connection, safety, and beauty remain central to its impact," said Leona Medley, Executive Director, Joe Louis Greenway Partnership. "These new segments will connect even more people across Detroit, Dearborn, Hamtramck, and Highland Park, bringing our region closer together through shared spaces that serve everyone."

Photo of artist Austen Brantley with "Outside the Ring" statue during statue unveiling Oct. 7, 2025

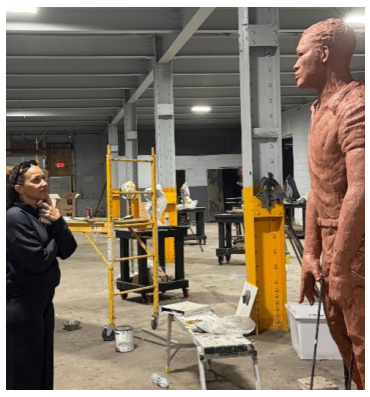
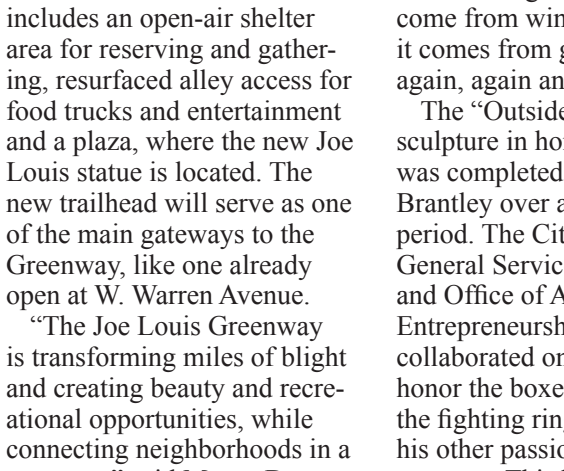
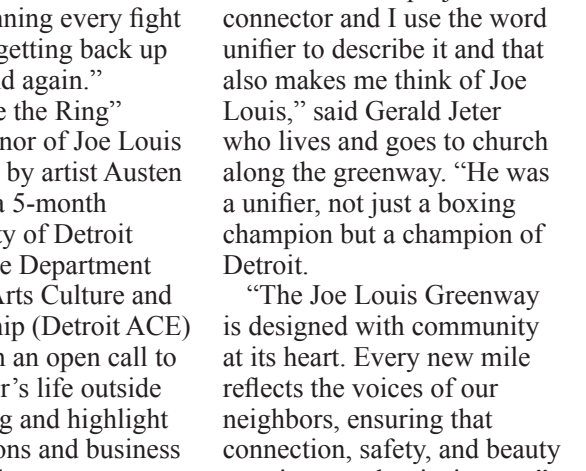


Photo of Joyce Barrow-Henderson, Joe Louis' daughter reviewing and reflecting over sculpture of her father as it was being made.





Mayor Mike Duggan and EL CENTRAL Hispanic News Sport Editor Dan Graschuck.

Photo of Gerald Jeter who lives and goes to church along the Joe Louis Greenway (Photo courtesy of City of Detroit)

JOE LOUIS GREENWAY

The Joe Louis Greenway is a 29-mile bike and pedestrian path that will connect 23 Detroit neighborhoods with the communities of Highland Park, Hamtramck, and Dearborn. The vision for the project was established through the Joe Louis Greenway Framework Plan, which was the outcome of a robust community engagement effort.

The project goals are to connect people and places, improve quality of life, and promote equity and equality. The city purchased an 8-mile abandoned rail corridor for the development of the greenway, and since construction began in 2021 the General Services Department has removed 31,000 tires, over 600,000 tons of mixed Debris.

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Annual Amigos de SER Business Recognition Luncheon:

SER Metro-Detroit Celebrates its 54th Anniversary

SER Metro-Detroit celebrated its 54th Anniversary at its Annual Amigos de SER Business Recognition Luncheon held at the MGM Grand on Monday, October 6, 2025. The keynote speaker was Ms. Laura Grannemann, Executive Director, Rocket Community Fund and Gilbert Family Foundation.

In her keynote address, Ms. Grannemann spoke about the uncertainties of todays' world. "There is one thing that gives me hope: this community. The people in this room are not just witnesses to change. You drive it. Detroit sets the national standard for public-private partnerships. Together, we have creatively tackled some of the city's most persistent challenges: reducing blight, decreasing tax foreclosures, increasing homeownership, and lowering unemployment."

Grannemann added, "At the Rocket Community Fund and Gilbert Family Foundation, we start with housing. A stable home is foundational to every part of our lives. It provides security, peace and predictability. But we also know this: housing alone is not enough. While a home is the most important factor for stability, employment and income are the only true pathways to economic prosperity. Having a job that pays fairly, offers dignity, and provides opportunities to learn and advance—that's what allows families not just to survive, but to thrive. In other words, housing is the foundation, but employment is the staircase to opportunity."

Special recognition was given during the luncheon to **Manuela M. Zarate for her 50 Years of Service**. The award was presented to Zarate by Ignacio Salazar, President and CEO of SER Jobs for Progress National, who made the wise decision to hire Zarate so many years ago. Over the decades, she has risen to the position of Vice President and Chief Operations Officer overseeing operations across Michigan, Illinois and Texas.

The luncheon included an awards ceremony recognizing the many partners, funders, and employers who invest in the Detroit community through SER's work. This year's **"Amigo of the Year Award"** was presented to Rocket Community Fund for their ongoing partnership and support of SER Metro's programs both in Detroit and nationally. Marriott International received the **"Employer of the Year Award"** for more than 10 years of partnership with SER and for hiring more than 700 SER participants since 2023.

The **"Journey to Success"** awards were presented to program graduates Chantanea Fletcher, Anna Montoya, Arianna Ortiz and Sylan Sanders. Two additional graduates, Sacha Cruz and Diamond Neal-Perry will each receive $1,000 in honor of the **"Frank D. Stella Scholarship Program"**.

Eva Garza Dewaelsche, President and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit thanked Keynote Speaker Laura Grannemann, the event sponsors and SER staff for their contributions to the successful event. "We can't thank Laura enough for her inciteful presentation, which inspired everyone greatly, and our sponsors for their generous support, which not only facilitated our event, but also demonstrated their commitment to our community."

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Manuela Zarate, center front, with SER leadership.

Keynote Speaker Laura Grannemann

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Mariachi Jalisco de Detroit. Photo by Alejandro Ugalde / Kopalli

Carmen Skinner receives Employer of the Year for Marriott International

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Detroit City FC Fall To Loudoun, 0 - 1

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Photos by Adam. J. Dewey

Detroit City Football Club closed out the 2025 USL Championship regular season home schedule with a 1-0 defeat to Loudoun United. Both sides struggled to get going in the attacking third, but a turnover in the first minute of stoppage time led to a Loudoun United opportunity in the box, which they converted into the only goal of the match.

Detroit City heads out on the road for the final two matches of the 2025 USL Championship regular season, starting against Charleston Battery next Saturday. Kickoff from Patriots Point Soccer Stadium on October 18th is set for 7:30 p.m. Tickets for all Detroit City FC games are available at www.detcityfc.com/tickets.

For more information about Detroit City FC, visit detcityfc.com and follow @DetroitCityFC on X and Facebook and @detroitcityfootballclub on Instagram..

Photos below are highlights from DCFC vs. Loudoun game

Ates Diouf (#32) looks to make a shot on goal

Kobe Hernandez-Foster (#22) defends the ball from a Loudoun United FC defensive attack

Darren Smith (#7) chases down a pass before making a shot on goal

Ryan Williams (#39) makes a tackle

Lions on MNF and Wolverines at Home and Spartans Away

Detroit Lions (4-2) had a tough game on the road against the Kansas City Chiefs (3-3). The Chiefs defeated the Lions 30 - 17 during Sunday Night Football. The Lions host the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, on Monday, October 20th at 7pm (ABC) for Monday Night Football (MNF). Photo of head coach Dan Campbell provided by Detroit Lions, from a previous home game against the Browns. Photo by Adam J. Dewey

Michigan Wolverines (4-2) were defeated by USC Trojans (5-1), 31 - 13. The Wolverines host Washington Huskies, this Saturday, October 18th at noon (FOX), before traveling to Spartan Stadium (for Rivalry Weekend), on Saturday, October 25th to take on Michigan State Spartans. Photo from the Wolverines vs. Trojans game provided by Michigan Football on UM GO BLUE

Michigan State Spartans (3-3) fell to UCLA Bruins (2-4), 38 - 13. The Spartans travel to take on Indiana Hoosiers, this Saturday, October 18th at 3:30 pm (PEACOCK), before returning home to Spartan Stadium, on Saturday, October 25th (for Rivalry Weekend) to host the University of Michigan Wolverines. Photo provided by Michigan State Spartans Athletics

DCFC Drops Home Finale

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With their playoff push limping towards the finish line, Detroit City FC had a four game home stand to wrap up September and go into October. Needing to take advantage of Keyworth Stadium, they only managed one win from the last four home games. Detroit City closed out the home schedule last Saturday with a disappointing 0-1 lost to Loudoun United. The loss dropped DCFC into the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Whether or not DCFC qualifies for the playoffs will come down to the final regular season game in Tampa on October 25. However, this weekend they face the daunting task of going to Charleston. The Battery are locked into the second spot in the East, well behind Louisville City. They will have nothing to play for against Detroit City except keeping the team in rhythm. They could even rest a few first choice players knowing the result won't matter for them.

For Detroit City, the last two away games might go a long way toward determining who returns next year among the players and the coaching staff. Danny Dichio's contract is up at the end of the season and it's hard to make a case that he has improved the team.

Against Loudoun last Saturday, the team did not produce a shot on goal. The set piece deliveries weren't dangerous enough. The few crosses that went into dangerous areas didn't find anyone on the receiving end. Some of that is on the players who failed to execute the game plan, but the coaches are responsible for preparing them. They didn't look prepared against Loudoun. They came out flat and Loudoun led the game in every significant statistic, especially the only one that matters.

While the offense sputtered, Carlos Herrera had a quiet first half. The regular back five of Haruki Yamazaki, Michael Bryant, Stephen Carroll, Devon Amoo-Mensah, and Alex Villanueva didn't allow much past them. Loudoun tried to use their speedy right wing Omari Glasgow to get in behind the DCFC back line. That strategy eventually won the game. In the first minute of stoppage time at the end of the game Glasgow finally got past Amoo-Mensah and crossed for Riley Bidois to slip the ball past Herrera.

Before that crushing last counter, Carlos Herrera had made several super saves during a tense second half. Dichio finally tried changing his ineffective attack in the late stages. Bringing on Jordan Adebayo-Smith against tiring defenders is a good strategy, but taking out the dangerous Ates Diouf meant the attack gained no advantage. Throwing on Sebastien Guenzatti with just two minutes left little time for anything to gel up front.

Dichio has to regroup and get his team ready for the last two games. They have to win at least one of them to reach the playoffs. Even if they manage to hold off Indy XI for the final spot, their most likely opponents will be Louisville, the top team in the league and a team against whom DCFC doesn't fare well. The verdict on this season won't be complete until after the final game, but in its current state DCFC will need some major upgrades in the offseason.

USA BATTLES ECUADOR TO A DRAW

The US mens national team received a ton of criticism for the players' lack of apparent commitment and drive to compete during the first few months of Mauricio Pochettino's tenure. Since the failure to win the Gold Cup over the summer and the minor dispute with star player Christian Pulisic, Pochettino has removed the sense of entitlement among certain players. A number of regulars were dropped for the September games. The Argentine has gone out of his way to make it clear that no player has assured himself a spot on the World Cup roster.

For the October window, it looks like the players received and understood the message. The USA opened the two match window with a solid 1-1 draw against Ecuador. Weston McKinnie, dropped in September and heavily criticized during the Nations League in March, returned and delivered a performance worthy of a player who starts UEFA Champions League games for Juventus. Folarin Balogun scored in his third straight game, taking a firm grip on the starting striker position.

Ecuador had finished second in South America's marathon qualifying competition. They conceded just five goals in eighteen games, making the USA's goal a true rarity for South America's stingiest back line. The visitors now have a twelve match unbeaten run, but only five of those have been wins. That might mean Ecuador will have to find some more attacking options to support 35 year old Enner Valencia, who raced by Chris Richards to score Ecuador's goal midway through the first half.

After the game, the focus fell on Pochettino's decision to play with three center backs, a major change from the USA's traditional back four. Nobody asked about attitude or commitment or effort. All that looked the way it's supposed to during a fast-paced and physical game. The US kept the ball far more than they usually do against top teams. They even had a strong home crowd behind them in Austin, Texas, something that hasn't been the case recently.

Following the game, the US departed for Denver where they will meet Australia. The Socceroos beat Canada 1-0 in their first game of the window. The US will have to assess the fitness of Pulisic and Antonee Robinson ahead of the game. Robinson's recovery from a knee injury has been slow. He hasn't played much for Fulham and has mostly observed the US from afar. Pulisic has a sore ankle and only appeared for the last seventeen minutes against Ecuador. Alejandro Zendejas returned to Club America after his knee failed to respond to treatment. Pochettino will likely change a few players for the second game of the window. The expectations will be the same: a committed effort that reflects the manager's demands for intensity and teamwork. The coaching staff will have a another month to review players before they select the squad for the November games against Paraguay and Uruguay.

Live Wrestling At Taqueria El Rey Sunday

Halloween Headlocks Returns To Southwest Detroit October 19

Over 20 superstars, live wrestling, trick-or-treating, and a costume contest at Taqueria El Rey!

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- Halloween costume contest with prizes for best dressed
- Food and drinks available from Taqueria El Rey
- "Halloween Headlocks has always been about community, family, and fun," said IBW promoter Bob Roxxx. "We're thrilled to bring it back home to Taqueria El Rey, where wrestling and Southwest Detroit energy collide."
- Sunday, October 19
- Bell Time: 4 PM
- Taqueria El Rey – 4730 W. Vernor Hwy, Detroit, MI
- All Ages Welcome – $10 Admission

Fans are encouraged to come early, bring the family, and wear their best costumes. Expect wild surprises, returning legends, and a night that delivers the perfect mix of Halloween spirit and wrestling madness.

DWIHN and DPD Crisis Response Collaboration Excels in its First Phase

Groundbreaking partnership improves mental health outcomes and eases the load on 911

In a pioneering move to revolutionize crisis response and mental health care in Wayne County, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN), the Detroit Police Department (DPD), and the City of Detroit launched a pilot program, in August, designed to directly transfer nonviolent mental health calls from 911 to behavioral health professionals in real time.

"We identified a great and urgent need for a smarter, more humane approach to crisis calls — and we knew we could step in and provide that support," said James E. White, President and CEO of DWIHN. "We know 911 works, but together, we can make it work more efficiently for the people of Detroit while freeing up officers to respond to other incidents."

This innovative partnership marks a critical milestone in public safety and mental health collaboration, while continuing the vital relationship between DWIHN and DPD to better serve Detroit residents. The need for this initiative became increasingly clear this year between January and May, DPD received 368 "mental health nonviolent" calls and 227 "suicide threat" calls during the overnight hours of midnight to 7 a.m. when the need for assistance for these types of calls tends to increase.

The first month's operations resulted in 250 calls transferred to the DWIHN Crisis Call Center, that's 250 less times a DPD officer had to get engaged.

After extensive planning and collaboration with DPD's Communications Section and the Mayor's Office, DWIHN helped develop new, well-organized protocols to ensure that those experiencing a behavioral health crisis are connected immediately with the help they need.

Phase 1 of the program launched over a month ago. During the overnight hours, 911 operators now conduct a "warm transfer" — staying on the line until the caller is safely connected to DWIHN's 24/7 Crisis Line at 844-IN-CRISIS. This not only ensures a smoother handoff but also begins the de-escalation process earlier, when it matters most.

"This system is about more than just reducing the strain on 911 — it's about saving lives and ensuring the right care at the right time," said Grace Wolf, DWIHN Vice President of Crisis Services. "Our professionals are highly trained, and if needed, we will dispatch mobile crisis teams directly to the scene."

In tandem with the new protocol, DWIHN continues to expand its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for both 911 operators and DPD officers, strengthening a full continuum of crisis care.

"This isn't just a pilot program — it's a model for the future of public safety and mental health collaboration," White added. "It reflects our shared commitment to building a safer, more compassionate Detroit."

MiLEAP Announces $75 Million Available to Expand Learning Opportunities Outside of the Classroom

Competitive Out-of-School Time Grants Support Before-, After-School, and Summer Programming that Help Michigan Students Thrive

LANSING, Mich.— The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) recently announced that the Intent to Apply period is now open for the 2025-26 Out-of-School Time (OST) Grant Program. As part of an overall $75 million investment in OST programming included in the Fiscal Year 2026 bipartisan state budget, MiLEAP will award approximately $73 million in competitive grants to eligible organizations that offer before-, after-school and summer programming for students in grades K-12.

"High-quality out-of-school time programs give Michigan's young people safe spaces to learn, grow and thrive," said Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, director of MiLEAP. "By investing in programs that strengthen academic skills, spark new interests, and connect students with caring adults, we're ensuring Michigan's children and families have the opportunities and resources they need to succeed in the year ahead and beyond."

Competitive grants will be awarded to organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to providing high-quality expanded learning opportunities, including but not limited to literacy and STEM education, mentoring and leadership development, college and career exploration, visual and performing arts, physical fitness, conflict resolution, community engagement, and social engagement programming.

Applicants may include tax exempt-community-based nonprofit organizations, Tribal Nations, faith-based and religious organizations, institutions of higher education, public libraries, city and local government sponsored programs, and intermediate school districts that meet state licensing or exemption requirements for school-age or camp programs and serve at least 15 students for a minimum number of days during the school year or summer.

Interested organizations are encouraged to submit an Intent to Apply form through their Mi Login for Business account to receive access to the application.

To assist potential applicants in navigating the process, MiLEAP staff are offering grant orientation webinars and technical-assistance sessions over the next few weeks:

OST Grant Orientation Webinars

- Thursday, October 16, 10 a.m.

Technical Assistance Sessions on Grant Electronic Monitoring System & Grant Questions

- Thursday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.

Additional sessions will be scheduled and posted on the Out-of-School Time Grants webpage throughout the grant application process. The official Request for Proposals and grant application will be announced during the initial grant orientation meeting. Once released, the application will remain open for 30 calendar days.

Organizations can find links to register for the webinars, the Intent to Apply form and more on the Out-of-School Time Grants webpage at https://bit.ly/4qaL8PF

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Guest Opinion:

They're calling it a "Hate America" Rally

Rubbish. We're rallying on Saturday because we LOVE America

By Robert Reich

You know Trump Republicans are worried when they slam a planned protest — more than a week before it occurs.

Last Friday, Speaker Mike Johnson described this coming Saturday's No Kings rally as the "hate-America" rally that would draw "the pro-Hamas wing" and "the antifa people."

I'm sure these phrases have been distributed to senior Republicans by the White House. They're all delivering the same lines.

Rep. Tom Emmer (R-Minn.) claims Democrats are refusing to vote to fund the government "to score political points with the terrorist wing of their party, which is set to hold ... a hate-America rally" on Saturday.

So what is the White House worried about? Why are they trying to discredit the rally before it's even occurred?

Because it's likely to be even larger than the first No Kings rally — which was the largest demonstration against Trump since his return to the Oval Office.

And it will happen all over America, so it's likely to generate a huge number of news clips on local television.

Trump's power depends on maintaining the illusion that he's all-powerful, and that most Americans (apart from those he and his lapdogs label "pro-Hamas," "terrorists," and "antifa") adore him.

But that illusion is harder to maintain if a significant part of the population of every town and city is on the streets decrying him. The Emperor has no clothes.

Rather than it being a "hate-America" rally, Saturday's rally is an opportunity for all of us who love America to express our determination that our nation's ideals not be crushed by the Trump regime.

It's a chance for us to publicly rededicate ourselves to democracy, the rule of law, equal protection under the law, and our rights to believe what we want, say what we want, and choose our leaders without fear of recrimination.

I urge you to participate. (visit www.nokings.org.) And when you do, please help make it:

1. Peaceful.

The first No Kings rally was overwhelmingly peaceful, which made it hugely effective. This one must be, too.

If you see or hear of any potential violence, please do whatever you can to discourage it. We don't want to give the regime any excuse to characterize it as violent or to call out the National Guard or active military troops or invoke the Insurrection Act.

Over the weekend, JD Vance said Trump "has not felt he needed to" invoke the Insurrection Act right now," but he has "not ruled it out." Vance claimed that crime is "out of control" in major American cities.

2. Fun.

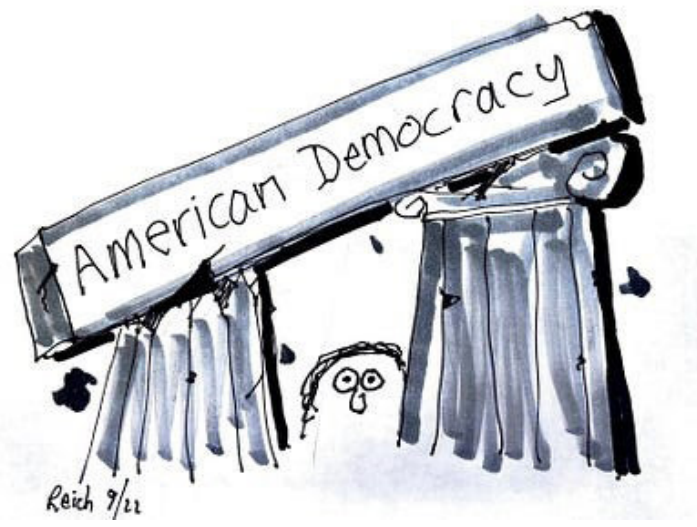
The underlying issue — the usurpation of American democracy by a tyrant — is dead serious. But it's important that we also use satire, mockery, ridicule, parody, and humor to make our points.

Not only do these drive Trump nuts, but they show that we're able to stand up to his hatefulness and fear with cheerfulness and wit. And they can make the event fun.

3. Clear.

This is about saving our democracy. It's not about other issues that we may feel strongly about such as climate change, immigrants' rights, LGBTQ+ rights, universal health care, Israel's war in Gaza, or Putin's war in Ukraine.

All these are important, of course, but the purpose of



this demonstration is to show America and the world the extent of our determination to wrest back control of our democracy from an authoritarian regime. Please don't give Republicans any fuel to characterize it as about anything else.

4. Relevant to the 2026 midterms.

If they're to have a real-world effect, demonstrations need to be linked to real-world politics. The highest political priority right now is to regain control of Congress.

Saturday presents an opportunity to remind our communities about the importance of the midterm elections of 2026.

We must do what we can to stop Republican states from super-gerrymandering to eke out more Republican seats in the House. And help Democratic states offset any such gerrymanders with additional Democratic seats (hence the importance of voting Yes on California's Proposition 50).

We have a constitutional right to demonstrate. Trump and his lapdogs haven't yet been able to take that right away from us. Let's use it.

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SPECIAL WORLD'S CULTURES

Ixcatecos – Xwja / Xuani

Of how we Ixcatecos we became agave people

Without people there's no agave spirit. Without land or biodiversity, there would be no agave spirit. Without people's knowledge of their land, there's no agave spirit. This is one of the reasons why it is important to know and understand our history.

We reckon from the stories our elders have told us (because this is how we learn history) that the first settlers stayed in the region as outcasts from other groups. They found in these hills some suitable places to fulfill their needs — like water and good soil — during those early beginnings of agriculture. Our people were related culturally with other groups in the Highlands, like the Popolocas or Mazatecos many centuries ago, and earlier with the Mixtecs and Zapotecs.

Most Xuani history in today's world has to do with the foreign affairs that have, in profound ways, shaped our boundaries and our state, as well as our cultural and even personal identity. For example, we know that before the Spanish monarchy arrived in the Americas, the Xuani families were forced to pay taxes to a handful of Mexica's lords all before 1520. When the Europeans stumbled upon America there came a new term to classify not only us, but everybody in this land: as Indigenous. Before that we were simply different people. Our population was decimated as a result of pestilence and disease (known as matlazahuatl and cocoliztli) brought by these intercontinental foreigners, as well as war.

After that seigniory systems — feudal lordships — were installed. Since then, outsider monarchs, emperors, and, later, bourgeois presidents set and defined our borders and even our level of development, making decisions based on how much different we were from them.

That, ironically, created a sense of social union and support among the locals, which would eventually be called "communality." In a global world, with the almost-extinct nation states and the establishment of the market economy as a super power, we are indeed again pressured into an economy of production and land management. Hence the importance of agave spirit, which is both our identity and the desire of the market.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
by Mariana Ayón RV

Ixcatecos - Xwja / Xuani

The term Ixcateco is the gentilicio that the ancient Nahuas applied to the indigenous people who lived in a region they called Ixcatlán, a name that comes from two voices: Ixcatl, cotton and Tlan, place of. Which, together means: place of cotton.

The Ixcatecos have their own language spoken by the people of Santa María Ixcatlán, in the northern part of the state of Oaxaca. The Ixcateca language belongs to the Popoloca branch of the Oto-Manguean language family.

From that time when Ixcatlán kept the date palm seeds

It is said that many years ago there were men who had the task of maintaining abundance for every village. Whom controlled the seeds were known as The Chiefs.

One day, The Chief of Ixcatlán was tricked by The Chiefs of the neighboring villages. They gave him pulque to drink, waited for him to fall asleep, and took the opportunity to steal his seeds, leaving him only with the date palm seeds.

That is why the date palm is now the most abundant in Santa María Ixcatlán; and that's why we use it to weave.

ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Ixcatecos – Xwja / Xuani

De cómo los Ixcatecos nos hicimos la gente del agave

Sin gente no hay espíritu de agave. Sin tierra, ni biodiversidad, no habría espíritu de agave. Sin el conocimiento de la gente sobre su tierra, no hay espíritu de agave. Ésta es una de las razones por las que es importante conocer y comprender nuestra historia.

Por las historias que nos han contado nuestros mayores, porque así es como los Ixcatecos -en nuestra lengua Xuani or Xula- aprendemos la historia de cómo que los primeros pobladores de nuestros grupos se quedaron en la región. Nuestros ancestros encontraron en estas colinas algunos lugares adecuados para satisfacer sus necesidades, como agua y buena tierra, durante esos inicios de la agricultura. Nuestro pueblo se relacionó culturalmente con otros grupos de la Sierra, como los popolocas o mazatecos (hace unos 12 siglos) y antes con los mixtecos y zapotecas (hace unos 65 siglos).

La mayor parte de la historia de nosotros los Xuani en el mundo actual tiene que ver con los asuntos exteriores que, de manera profunda, han moldeado nuestras fronteras y nuestro estado, así como nuestra identidad cultural e incluso personal. Por ejemplo, sabemos que antes de la llegada de la monarquía española a América, unas 8,000 familias Xuani se vieron obligadas a pagar impuestos a un puñado de señores mexica y nahuale, todo antes de 1520. Después, cuando los europeos tropezaron con América, apareció una una forma para clasificarnos, bueno, no sólo nosotros, sino a todos los que vivíamos en este pedacito de tierras indígenas. Antes de eso, éramos simplemente personas diferentes.

Nuestra población fue diezmada como resultado de las pestilencias y enfermedades (conocidas como matlazahuatl y cocoliztli) traídas por estos extranjeros transatlánticos. En 1580, solo quedaban unos 1,200 supervivientes entre los Xuani, los cuales emigraron de sus comunidades esparcidas por la región, a lo que es al actual poblado de Ixcatlán.

Después de eso, se instalaron los sistemas señoriales, los señoríos feudales. Desde entonces, los monarcas de afuera, los emperadores y, más tarde, los presidentes burgueses marcaron y definieron nuestras fronteras e incluso nuestro nivel de desarrollo, tomando decisiones en función de lo diferentes que éramos de ellos. Eso, irónicamente, creó un sentido de unión social y apoyo entre los lugareños, lo que eventualmente se llamaría "comunalidad".

En un mundo global, con los estados nacionales casi extintos y el establecimiento de la economía de mercado como una superpotencia, continuamente nos vemos presionados hacia una economía de producción y gestión de la tierra. De ahí la importancia del aguardiente de agave, que junta nuestra identidad con el deseo del mercado.

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El término ixcateco es el gentilicio que aplicaron los antiguos nahuas al pueblo indígena que habitaba en una región que llamaron Ixcatlán, nombre que proviene de dos voces: ixcatl, algodón y tlan, lugar de. Por ello, Ixtlán significa: lugar de algodón.

Los Ixcatecos tienen su propia lengua hablada por la gente de Santa María Ixcatlán, en la parte norte del estado de Oaxaca. La lengua Ixcateca pertenece a la rama Popoloca de la familia de lenguas Oto-mangueas.

De cuando Ixcatlán se quedó con las semillas de palma datilera

Cuentan que hace muchos años, había unos hombres que tenían la encomienda de mantener en abundancia a cada pueblo. Ellos controlaban las semillas y se les conocía como Los Patrones.

Un día el patrón de Ixcatlán fue engañado por Los Patrones de los pueblos cercanos. Le dieron a beber pulque, esperaron a que se quedara dormido y aprovecharon para robarle sus semillas, dejándole sólo las de la palma de dátil.

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